

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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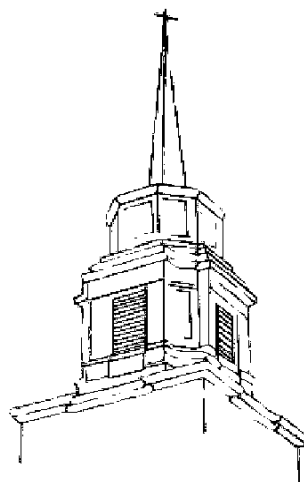
Donna Mastrovito
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**Director, After-School Program
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

Sean Redrow, Director
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MASS SCHEDULE

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:15 & 7:15
PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 10:15 AM,
12:15 PM & 7:15 PM

Weekdays

Monday-Friday 6:15 PM

Holy Days

Vigil 6:15 p.m.
Holy Day 12:15, 6:15 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Jimmy Archibald, Manager
stjohnsworc@gmail.com

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon.-Thurs.-6:45 pm
Saturday- 3 pm

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office
at least one year prior to
planned date of marriage

Sacrament of Baptism

Please visit the parish website
under the "Sacraments" tab

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the parish office

**Monthly Mass for Healing
Followed by the Celebration
Of the Sacrament of the Sick**

4th Tuesday of the month
6:15 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 14, 2020

4:15 PM **Robert Gaucher (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family;
Carl Steele (3rd Anniv.), req. by Family
7:15 PM **Edward Swalec, Sr. and Edward Swalec, II**,
req. by Family; **M/M Joseph P. O'Coin**, req. by Family

Sunday, March 15, 2020

8:00 AM **Susan Wright (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Health and Intentions of John Malvarose
and Fr. Madden**, req. by Family; **Duddie and Bette
Massad and Beloved Grandson Greg**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by Wife Helen
and Family
7:15 PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Charles
Gauthier (13th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Monday, March 16, 2020

6:15 PM **Bill Pugliese and John Gingras**, req. by Family

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

6:15 PM **Joseph Collins**, req. by Family

Thursday, March 19, 2020

6:15 PM **Rose Pezzella**, req. by Family; **Gervais
Larochelle, John and Mary Moynagh, William and
Mary Foley**, req. by Family

Friday, March 20, 2020

6:15 PM **Walter McGovern**, req. by Frank Carroll and
Family

Saturday, March 21, 2020

4:15 PM **Francisco Austriaco**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Lucy Thompson (44th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Sunday, March 22, 2020

8:00 AM **John Tomlinson**, req. by Family; **Patrick
Johnson**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Philip Delongchamp**, req. by Family;
**Birthday Blessings for Bernadette Boucher's 93rd
Birthday**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Donna Mulcahy (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family;
William A. Riggieri, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Marbury J.
Macduffie (20th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

The Rosary is prayed each weekday beginning with the
Angelus at 5:50 p.m.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

As you may have noticed in last week's bulletin our pastor, Fr. Madden mentioned that your parish council will be launching a parish wide survey this weekend.

This is the result of a collaboration among Fr. Madden and all members of the Parish Council.

Your parish council has determined that it is important to verify and validate our parishioners' names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses in an efficient way, so that we can continue to stay in contact with our parishioners and to understand their wants, needs and expectations and how you may be able to help in our mission. We also would like to know how we can improve our parishioners' experience of faith and services provided.

The survey is being made available to you in several different ways. It is part of this weekend's bulletin as an insert for those who wish to fill it out in paper format. For those who wish, you can copy the online document link from the paper form into your web browser and fill out the survey online. For those whose email addresses are in our database you will be receiving the link to the online document through Flock-Note. Also a link to the online document appears on the main page of the parish website: stjohneworcester.org.

In any event we ask that you take the time to give thought and prayer to your answers to the questions. We request that you have your responses back to us by March 27, 2020.

For those using the paper form please put it in an envelope, mark it parish survey and return it in the collection.

For those responding using the online document, it is also important to note that a response needs to be given for each of the items requested prior to hitting the send button at the bottom of the online form. If you do not have a response for an open ended question, please just write in "no answer" or something to that effect, when the form asks for your response, because some response must appear in each field, for your requested survey responses to be collected.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and participation in this important parish-wide project.

In Christ's Peace,
Deacon Ed

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Introit: *Oculi mei*, Ps 25: 15,16

Op.: # 645 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Ps. 95, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Gospel Acc.: # 208

Prep.: # 707 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Eucharistic Accs.: # 304, 305, 306, 311

Comm.: *Qui biberit aquam*, Jn 4: 13, 14

473 Hear Us, Almighty Lord

Cl.: # 474 Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ex 17:3-7

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42

Worship Hymnal #1033

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB's next meeting will be Monday, March 23 at 7:00 PM in the rectory. The selection for March is "Wounded Shepherd: Pope Francis and His Struggle to Convert the Catholic Church" by Austin Ivereigh.

RCIA - This Monday, March 16 at 7 PM in the St. Francis Xavier Center continues the Catechumenate phase of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program. Please contact the rectory office if you have any questions.

PLASTIC BAG DONATIONS— Our Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry is in need of donations of plastic bags for our "to go" meals and various donations that are given out each day. Any and all donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at the St. Francis Xavier Center, the rectory, or left in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ST. PETER CENTRAL CATHOLIC HOSTS 16TH ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION- Come join our 16th Annual "OUR TIME TO SHINE" Dinner and Auction on Friday, March 27 at 6pm at Wachusett Country Club. This is an evening you won't want to miss! Take part in a delicious buffet dinner, great prizes, and lots of fun, all while raising funds for a beautiful Catholic school. All are welcome! For tickets, call 508-791-6496 or email spcccautioncommittee@gmail.com by March 22.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST is cancelled this week

GRADES 1-6 is cancelled this week.

GRADES 7-9 is cancelled this week.

CONFIRMATION is cancelled this week.

MUSEUM OF FAMILY PRAYER- St. John's Social Activities committee is sponsoring a trip to a Contemporary Experience of Fr. Peyton's Ongoing Ministry, the Holy Family Ministry, in North Easton, MA. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person and includes Round Trip Transportation, Mass, Admission to Museum (with private tour), Movie, and a Box Lunch. The trip is Sunday, March 29, leaving St. John's at 10:30 AM and returning around 4:30 PM. Tickets should be purchased by March 21 by calling Judy at 508-478-9813. Seats are limited, reserve early.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR 2019

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence for all who have completed their 14th year. On Week Days of Lent there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended. Voluntary Self-Denial may include, in addition to fasting, participation in daily Mass, spiritual studies, Lenten Devotions, Stations of the Cross, saying the Rosary, deeds of mercy and kindness. Easter Duty Obligation must be made from the first Sunday in Lent (March 1) through Trinity Sunday (June 7).

DEEDS OF MERCY AND KINDNESS:

Brown Bag It— paper bags will be available in the church with a list of the food items most needed in our food pantry. You are invited to take a bag and when filled return it to the statue of St. Therese.

Baby Bottles and Rice Bowls are also be available at the back tables of the church. You are invited to place the money you would have spent on what you "give up" for Lent into the bottle and/or bowl. The bottles support the great pro-life work of Visitation House here in Worcester. The bowls support the great work done by Catholic Relief Services all across the globe.

ST. JOHN'S LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated every Friday in Lent after the 6:15 PM Mass.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, March 24 at 6:15 PM. After the Mass the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. Anyone seeking the healing touch of God's love and mercy is welcome.

20TH ANNIVERSARY DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE- Men are invited to this important conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, March 28. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Scott Hahn, Luis Soto and with Bishop Robert Reed of Boston speaking on the need for confession. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For further information or registration, call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345 or www.firstmensconf.org. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 11th, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF GREATER WORCESTER has been providing English language skills to help people thrive since 1973. We offer free, flexible, confidential, and individualized one-to-one tutoring for adults learning to speak English as well as adults developing basic literacy skills. In recent years, the demand for our English services has continued to grow. With over 100 students waiting for a volunteer tutor, we are calling on you to dedicate up to two hours a week to change someone's life. If you are over 18, have at least a high school diploma, and speak English proficiently, you can learn to tutor someone who is learning English. We provide a free, 18-hour training before matching you with a student, and we provide ongoing support and workshops to help you become the best tutor you can be! For more information and to apply, please visit www.lvgw.org or call us at 508-754-8056.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$31,009.16. We have also received:
Monthly- \$357.00 Restoration- \$226.00
Candles- \$518.00 Parking- \$465.00
Stipends- \$355.00 Novena- \$9650.00
Rice Bowl- \$46.00 Free Press- \$78.00

Total- \$42,704.16 **Unrestricted-** \$42,432.16 **Restricted-** \$272.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$1200 IMO Mary Cadogan; \$125 IMO Daniel Hastings; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$5000 from a friend; \$31 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$75 from a friend; \$90 IMO Shirley Pace; \$150 IMO Joe and Irene Capurso; \$50 IMO Alvin Paquette; \$30 IHO Angelo Pappas' Birthday; \$50 IMO William Lane; \$50 IMO John and Mildred Ahern; \$75 IMO Michael Clancy; \$25 IHO Mary Williams' 95th Birthday; \$100 IMO Gerald Falvey; \$25 IMO Eileen Woodward; \$2500 from Core-Mark; \$18 IMO Ann Sullivan

Expenses- \$10,201.23

Schola (832.88) Altar (730.29) Administration (5052.88) Clergy Benefit Plan (1007.00) Church Light Repair (337.50) House (623.75) Advertising (400.00) Novena (200.00) Funerals (152.80) Ascension Electric (809.13) Marriage Prep (55.00)

Food for the Poor

Expenses- \$1228.58

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Gerald Falvey, Ann Sullivan and Theresa Gentile who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Henry Paul Skorinko, Chase William Mallaghan, Hazel Grace Laroche, Peter Ignatius Ogle, Charlotte Jacqueline Angers, Nora Grace Dawson and Cora Genevieve Coughlin who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“A woman has been sentenced to death by stoning. But such a sentence is not the way of God. Jesus’ response to her situation is a clear illustration of the Church’s argument against the death penalty. In imposing such a sentence, we are assuming a role that is God’s alone. We are refusing to give God the time to work on the human heart. For God’s love and mercy are so vast that there is always time, always room for repentance. We are always free to turn from our old ways and follow the path that God sets before us.” –Kathleen Norris